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On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty which occurred during August 2005, i.e., a total of 79 violations (see annex).

These violations are in contravention of the relevant Security Council resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1614 (2005), and go against the Secretary-General's repeated calls for their cessation, most recently in his report S/2005/460 of 20 July 2005. Lebanon depends on the United Nations to compel Israel to desist from these violations, which constitute a threat to international peace and security, and holds Israel responsible for any consequences to which those acts may give rise.

I request you to have this letter and its annex circulated to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council under the agenda item on the situation in the Middle East.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Assaf**
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Statistical table showing Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty during August 2005

Air violations				*Sea violations*	*Land violations*			*Total violations*
					Military acts of aggression	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	
Military jet	Reconnaissance	Helicopter	Total	Crossing of territorial waters, artillery fire and shooting of flares and firebombs over territorial waters	Air raids, artillery shelling, shelling of military positions and important posts, attacks on and killing of civilians	Gunfire, shooting of flares, dropping of artillery missiles, infiltration and crossing of international borders	Threats and displaying of weapons, bulldozing of soil, placing of barbed wire and setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory	
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